

THOUSANDS SHORT

Umatilla County Tax Rolls for 1902 Reduce Valuations of Property Below Last Year.

FIGURES DO NOT LIE, BUT SOME TAX-PAYERS DO.

Assessor Buzan Says That Conversion of Stock Into Money and Failure to Give in the Money for Taxes May Account for It.

The total valuation placed upon Umatilla county property by the last assessment is \$5,972,823.64. This shows a decrease in the valuation of the taxable property in the county of 19.86 per cent since the assessment of last year, as the total valuation of the year 1901 was \$6,108,519.60.

The only explanation to this decrease as given by Assessor Buzan, is that the money and livestock is short. He says he cannot go down into the man's pocket and see what he has in it or he cannot go out onto the range and count the number of cattle, horses and sheep, or other livestock. He has to take the taxpayer's word for what he has in these lines.

Comparison of Figures. In 1897 the acres of tillable land in the county were 326,763.87, valued at \$1,370,535. Non-tillable land, 512,874.35, value, \$528,067. The number of town and city lots, 9325, value, \$350,758. Improvements on city lots, \$540,978. Improvements on lands not deeded, \$40,790. Miles of railroad bed, \$18,08; value, \$814,750. Telephone and telephone lines, miles, \$20,597.75. Rolling stock, \$118,154.20. Stationary engineering machinery, \$217,000. Farming implements, \$121,020. Money, \$107,275. Notes and accounts, \$107,275. Shares of stocks, 2072 1/2, value, \$33,000. Household furniture, \$80,195. Number of cattle, 17,949, value, \$196,810. Horses and mules, 10,001, value, \$172,812. Sheep, 173,898, value, \$217,458. Swine, 3370, value, \$7607. Dogs, 2; value, \$10. Gross value of property, \$5,972,823.54. Exemptions, \$16,275.

That readers may get an idea of the comparative values of the county's taxable property, a summary of the 1901 assessment is given below: Acres of tillable land, 326,763.87; value, \$1,370,535. Acres of non-tillable land, 512,874.35; value, \$528,067. Improvements on town and city property, \$540,978. Improved land not deeded or patented, \$14,095. Miles of railroad bed, 212.18; value, \$118,154.20. Miles of telephone and telegraph, \$20,597.75. Stationary engineering and manufacturing machinery, \$217,000. Merchandise and stock in trade, \$121,020. Farming implements, \$107,275. Money, \$107,275. Notes and accounts, \$107,275. Shares of stock, 2072 1/2, value, \$33,000. Household goods, furniture, and jewelry, \$117,020. Horses and mules, 12,708; value, \$225,000. Cattle, 17,953; value, \$212,428. Sheep, 185,667; value, \$228,805. Swine, 3126; value, \$6687. Dogs, 2; value, \$10. Gross value of property, \$6,108,519.64. Exemption, \$422,597. Total value of taxable property as finally equalized by the board of equalization, \$5,685,924.64.

Million Dollar Peach Crop. Hartford, Conn., Sept. 13.—The harvesting of the Connecticut peach crop reached its maximum this week, and the yield in this state will be worth approximately \$1,600,000. The crop has matured well and the quality is fairly good. An experimental cold-storage shipment to London will be made the coming week and the result of the test is awaited with interest by the growers.

To Oppose Brownlow. Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 13.—The state of the First district are their convention here today to elect a congressional candidate to oppose W. P. Brownlow, the republican. There are several mentioned in connection with the race, one of the most prominent being R. L. Alexander, of the county.

MISSOURI RAILROAD WRECK

FIREMAN ROSS KILLED AND ENGINEER FATALLY INJURED.

Passenger Train on the "Frisco" Collides With a Fast Freight at Republic, Springfield, Mo., Sept. 13.—A St. Louis & San Frisco passenger train collided with a fast freight near Republic this morning, killing Fireman Ross and fatally injuring Engineer White, seriously injuring the other engineer and fireman.

WILL THEY TURN TEDDY DOWN?

Platt, of New York, Holds a Caucus With Bosses of Republican Party to Determine That Question.

New York, Sept. 13.—Senator Platt and leaders and prominent republicans are this afternoon holding a meeting at the Fifth Avenue hotel to arrange the details for the coming state convention. The chief interest and point of discussion centers on whether a plank endorsing Theodore Roosevelt for president in 1904 shall be put in the platform.

American Steamer Wins.

New York, Sept. 13.—The American liner Philadelphia has won the trans-Atlantic race with the Feurst Bismarck. The former arrived this morning, but the latter has not yet arrived.

Later. The Feurst Bismarck was sighted off Fire Island at 1:30, making that ship 14 hours later than the American liner.

Strike at Trieste.

Trieste, Sept. 13.—The strike of dock laborers is assuming serious proportions. Stokes and Lloyds' men joined at noon adding 1200 more to the strikers ranks. The port is crammed with laden ships.

Visit Tomb of McKinley.

Canton, O., Sept. 13.—Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Hobart and son Garrett, visited the martyred president's tomb this morning. Mrs. Hobart will be Mrs. McKinley's guest on the anniversary of William McKinley's death.

ASSAULT COMRADES

MISTAKE UNION MEN FOR SCAB WORKERS.

Telephone Wires Cut—Feared That Strikers Will Attack Colliery—Deputies and Police to the Scene.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 13.—This region is again in a furore this morning and the strikers are using violence. Fifteen union bricklayers en route to work at Parsons, were mistaken for non-unionists, and were attacked by a mob of 75, mostly foreigners. They stood their ground and a fight ensued. Frank Staniel, a striker, was seriously wounded, and several others injured. The arrival of deputies prevented a possible loss of life. Previous to this the strikers disabled a trolley line, stoned the cars and drove the passengers away. At midnight the telephone wires of Henry colliery were cut. Fearing that it was to be attacked, a big force of police and sheriff's deputies hurried to the scene and are now guarding that colliery.

NO GIRL BABIES WANTED.

Fathers of Such Infants to Be Lashed With the Knout.

London, Sept. 13.—In a dispatch from St. Petersburg the correspondent of the Daily Mail relates that the commander of the Cossack station at Warbleck, anxious that his district should show a preponderance of males, has ordered that the author of every girl-baby born in the district shall be given 50 strokes with the knout.

In Memory of McKinley.

Buffalo, Sept. 13.—While cities and towns throughout the country will observe the first anniversary tomorrow of the death of President McKinley, the city of Buffalo, where the lamented president breathed his last, will give perhaps the most striking evidence of the general feeling. In pursuance of a request issued by Mayor Knight, public and private buildings will display half-masted flags. There will be public memorial exercises with prominent speakers, and nearly every church in the city will hold special services.

OFFICIALS CONFER

Governor Stone and the Officials of the United Mine Workers Meet.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL ON HIS WAY TO WILKESBARRE.

Great Hopes of the Anthracite Strike Ending—Morgan Also Takes a Part in the Settlement.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 13.—The conference between Governor Stone and President Mitchell lasted all night, the governor retiring at 5 o'clock this morning. President Mitchell and Faney are on their way to Wilkesbarre. The governor, it is believed, gave Mitchell and the district leaders terms on which Morgan would settle the strike. What they are is mere conjecture, but that some offer has been made seems certain. When the meeting broke up all conferences with reporters was declined, but the following was given out on a written slip: "President Mitchell, Fahey, Duffy, Senator Flynn, Colonel Richardson and Governor Stone have been in conference. All differences between the miners and operators have been discussed with the object of gaining the best solution of the trouble."

Later—No Proposition Made.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 13.—President Mitchell, before retiring, after his arrival this morning, said that Governor Stone had made no proposition for a settlement of the strike. President Mitchell, it is understood, will issue a statement tonight detailing the proceedings of the conference with Governor Stone last night.

FIRES IN MOUNTAINS.

Millions of Feet of Best Oregon Timber Going up in Smoke—Fire Raging in Many Places.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 13.—Smoke from forest fires in the Cascade and coast ranges has become so thick along the Willamette and Columbia rivers as to make navigation perilous. In the forenoon the smoke and fog made it impossible to see clearly more than 100 yards and steamers are compelled to run by the compass. This morning the fires came so near this city that a layer of ashes and cinders an eighth of an inch thick was spread over the entire city.

The fires are raging in all directions, destroying many millions of feet of fine timber. Although the United States government has taken precautions to guard against forest fires, it is believed that not for 20 years has so much timber been destroyed in one season. In many cases, barns and houses in isolated localities have been destroyed. There has been no rain for nearly two months, and all vegetation has become so dry that a good rainstorm is the only thing that will stop the fires.

It is impossible to estimate the loss, but already many hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of timber has been consumed.

COLON ATTACKED.

Colombian Government Unable to Keep the Isthmus Road Open to Traffic.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Consul Malmross cabled the state department this afternoon from Colon that the insurgent army was advancing on the city. He greatly fears that the government will be unable to keep open the Isthmian traffic. Secretary of the navy immediately cabled Commander McLean, of the cruiser Cincinnati, who will land what marines he has and endeavor to protect the American interests till the arrival of the Panther.

Panther to Sail Monday.

Washington, Sept. 13.—The Panther will sail from League Island navy yard Monday with 200 marines for Colon. The navy department announces its intention to keep warships at Colon and Panama to prevent a bombardment. By sending these marines the United States will have a sufficient force to keep trans-Isthmian traffic open and to maintain order.

Ten houses and six mills were burned at Elam, Wash., yesterday.

IS A SEA OF FLAME

Forests of Western Oregon and Washington Devastated by Fire.

MANY LIVES LOST—SITUATION LOOKS DESPERATE.

Towns, Logging Camps, Railroads and Farms Destroyed—People Fleeing for Their Lives.

Portland, Sept. 13.—Fires all over the state are spreading with a probability of many lives being lost. The situation at Gresham and in the Troutdale districts is considered desperate as also is Oregon City. Most of the logging camps of the lower Columbia have been burned. The whole country is a sea of flames. Farmers are spending sleepless nights fighting the fire and have their household goods loaded on wagons, ready to flee at any moment. Ashes are still falling in the city, and the smoke is so dense as to necessitate the use of lights. Navigation of the Columbia River is delayed because of darkness.

In Washington.

Tacoma, Sept. 13.—The fires continue throughout the western coast of Washington with no possibility of an abatement until a strong wind or rain comes.

Six lives so far have been lost. All the Northern Pacific bridges and trestles between Elma and Gate City have been burned. The forests in Cowlitz and Clarke counties along the Columbia are ablaze. The towns of Rayville and London, in Chehalis county are destroyed.

Thirty square miles of timber in Mason county is ablaze. It is impossible to get details from Gray's Harbor, as the lines are all down.

MERGER OF CHURCHES.

Morgan and Hanna Now Turn Their Attention to Religious Business—Will Erect Big Church in Manila.

New York, Sept. 13.—J. P. Morgan and Senator Hanna, with George Millar of this city, James T. Houghteling of Chicago, W. H. Crocker, of San Francisco and Samuel Mather, of Cleveland, are the signers of a statement issued today asking for funds for the work of the Episcopalian church in the Philippines. "It is important," says the statement, "that American Christianity should be in a position to carry on such work among the natives as will convince them of the benevolent intention of the people of the United States."

The sum named as sufficient to yield an adequate and fixed income is \$1,999,999, and Mr. Morgan's banking house will receive this sum, the signers agreeing to invest it and pay out the income. Of the \$1,999,999 about \$75,000 is in sight, exclusive of the \$148,000 in hand for buildings. It is said that Mr. Morgan gave \$100,000 to build a cathedral at Manila.

FLAMES EIGHTY FEET HIGH.

Fire at Beaumont Now Under Control—One Acre a Mass of Flames—Forty Derricks Destroyed.

Beaumont, Texas, Sept. 13.—The oil fire stands still at noon. One acre of spindle-top heights is a mass of flames and 40 derricks have been destroyed, the oil being thrown from the bottom of Higgins' 37,000-barrel tank will in time starve the flames. The Texas Flora gusher is still ablaze and throwing flames 80 feet high.

RAN INTO OIL CAR.

Causes Frightful Explosion—Engineer Seriously Injured.

Pittsburg, Sept. 13.—Three tank cars of gasoline are afire on the West Pennsylvania railroad at Kiskemennas Junction. A freight train ran into one, wrecking the engine and causing a frightful explosion. The engineer was seriously injured. Considerable property is endangered by the fire.

Boers Emigrate to Madagascar.

Paris, Sept. 13.—It is reported that ex-State Secretary Reitz and other Boer irreconcilables have decided to emigrate to the island of Madagascar.

SEC. SHAW TO THE RESCUE

NO OCCASION FOR ALARM OVER CONDITIONS.

Will Release \$4,000,000 From the United States Treasury—To Be Deposited With National Banks.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Secretary Shaw announced this morning that he had made arrangements to release \$4,000,000 of the treasury holdings by depositing it with those national banks that possess free or unpledged bonds. He has also ordered to anticipate the October payment of interest, \$4,250,000. He declares that there is no occasion for alarm over the present conditions of the United States treasury.

HANNA TAKES HOLIDAY.

The Guest of Clement Griscom, Who Is to Be President of Ship Combine.

New York, Sept. 13.—Senator Hanna, this morning began a two-days' holiday as the guest of Clement Griscom, who is to be the president of Morgan's ship combine, on the latter's yacht. Affairs of importance are expected to be discussed, especially legislation bearing upon the question of the ship subsidy and Panama canal.

SCHLEY DONE WITH NAVY.

Says He "Hears Not, Sees Not, and His Lips Are Sealed."

Boston, Sept. 13.—Admiral Schley, who has arrived from his summer's vacation in the mountains, said: "I hear not, see not, and my lips are sealed. To me the navy is a thing of the past. After a life of service I am out of it and done with it."

Failed to Swim Channel.

Dover, Eng., Sept. 13.—The English swimmer Holmes, who failed to swim the English Channel a fortnight ago made another attempt yesterday. A storm arose and compelled him to leave the water after two hours.

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Wheat—73 1/2 @ 72 1/2.

HOLD-UP LAST NIGHT

HARRY MAYBERRY AND COMPANION ROBBED.

Mayberry Dropped His Purse Before Robber Reached Him and the Freebooter Only Received 75 Cents.

Another hold-up took place in Pendleton last night. While Harry Mayberry, a shepherd from Pilot Rock, and a companion, were walking along Webb street just opposite the W. & C. R. railroad stock yards, about 10 o'clock, a masked highwayman approached them from the rear and presenting an ugly-looking gun, ordered their hands up, and they obeyed. The robber received the sum of 75 cents for his trouble.

It was a sort of intuition on the part of Mayberry, however, that prevented the robber from getting more. When the highwayman reads this statement, he will doubtless kick himself for not being quicker in his work. While Mayberry and his companion were walking along, Mayberry heard footsteps approaching from the rear. The thought struck him that he was going to be held up. He took a well-filled purse from his pocket and cautiously dropped it down by the sidewalk without stopping. Before going half a dozen steps further the robber overtook them and took the only 75 cents remaining in Mayberry's pocket. His companion had no money. The shepherd afterwards returned and secured his purse, containing the money.

Papers were also taken from the persons of the men held up, but they were of no value. The officers are working at the case, but as the description of the robber is meager, there is not much hope of his capture.

Officials Deny the Charge.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 13.—The officials of the Chesapeake & Ohio today denied any discrimination against the shipment of provisions shipped to miners, and characterize the conspiracy charge of the United Mine workers as absurd.

People of New York Protest.

New York, Sept. 13.—A big public mass meeting to be held at Madison Square Garden tonight, will protest against the refusal of the coal operators to arbitrate.

NEW COAL FIELDS

Said to Rival Many of the Great Coal Deposits of the East.

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM MORROW COUNTY.

Railroad Will Be Constructed to Mines and Extensive Mining Will Begin—Unlimited Capital Behind the Promoters.

The Morrow county coal discoveries are more valuable than has ever been thought, even by the most enthusiastic. The discovery means for Eastern Oregon and the Pacific Northwest more than the discovery of gold. George Conser, one of the best posted men connected with the mines stated in Portland yesterday that developments had brought out great surprises to the promoters. The veins are broadening with depth and the quality of the coal is not only improving, but is of a better grade than was ever anticipated.

Some of the coal is now thought to be anthracite and one of the veins is turning out a splendid quality of coking coal. As a steam coal the tests have shown Morrow county coal to be a superior quality. The prospects are that in a short time a vast mining region will be opened there, and the whole Pacific Northwest will be supplied from the Morrow county mines. Large plants will be put in at once and a railroad will be built to the mines early in the new year.

Men of means have investigated the situation and have offered the promoters unlimited backing. The railroad will be extended from Heppner up Willow Creek at an early date. It is claimed that the road will be put through with a rush and may be completed by January 1. The demand for fuel warrants speedy action in opening up these coal fields to the world.

One of the veins has developed into a 12-foot vein and this is the one that is thought to be anthracite. The seven-foot vein contains good coking coal. There are a number of veins of fine grade coal, but the two large veins have reached the greatest stage of development and have been more thoroughly tested than the coal from the smaller veins. It is claimed by persons in a position to know that the discoveries in Morrow county will rival many of the greatest coal fields in the east.

Eastern capital was quick to see the importance of this discovery and have already been free in making investigations and offering capital. "It is not a case of boom, but an important discovery of a solid resource to the country," said a prominent citizen yesterday. "With coal and oil and gold added to her resources Eastern Oregon truly deserves the name of Inland Empire."

ANTI-SEMITIC UPRISING.

Fourteen Jews Killed in Hungary, and More Trouble Anticipated.

Vienna, Austria, Sept. 13.—In an anti-semitic uprising yesterday at Czenstohau, Hungary, 14 Jews and one officer were killed, and 43 were wounded. Troops are being hurried to the scene.

To Consider Per Diem Car Charge.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Members of the Railway Transportation Association are gathering in Buffalo for an important meeting. The chief subject to be considered is the per diem car charge system in practical operation. It is expected that statistics will be submitted showing the exact working of the new method, which went into effect July 1. Reports thus far received show that the larger railroad systems have been obliged to increase their clerical forces and have incurred other expenses in connection with the per diem plan that have tended to create some dissatisfaction with the new system.

News From Panama.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Commander Potter's gunboat, Ranger, under Panama date yesterday cables the navy department the following: "Revolutionists are now near railroad line. Situation serious. Isthmian transit still open, however."